

TOP SECRET SENSITIVE

27 March 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 27 March 1969

DD/I reported a negative Task Force LOOKOUT and noted that there were GIANT SCALE missions over the past week with 85-90 percent coverage in two of the three missions.

DD/I noted that a recent Huntley-Brinkley program showed film of Soviet troops in action, perhaps in the Ussuri River area. Efforts are under way to obtain the film, and our particular interest is in the T-62 tank.

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DD/I reported that, according to a call received last night from Mr. Kissinger, the Director's briefing at the NSC meeting will be on the situation in Hanoi. The Director said that he wants to review the briefing material this afternoon.

Godfrey reported that the Soviet naval task force has reached an open area south of Iceland, appears to be on an antisubmarine exercise, and will probably return to home ports. He commented that this is the largest mix of Soviet ships we have seen.

D/ONE reported that State is footnoting NIE 80/90-69, Economic Trends and Prospects in Latin America, and explained that this exception grows out of differences between the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs and INR.

D/ONE reported that the next quarterly Estimate program is out for coordination and briefed on plans under way to reach the ideal objective of having either a current NIE or NIPP on major critical situations at all times.

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[] reported that yesterday he provided General Carter with appropriate guidance on Pakistan coverage.

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Carver noted that the Director will be seeing Ambassador Bunker today at 1 p.m.

Maury recalled that, in connection with the Director's 20 February briefing of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, Senator Pastore had pointed to the value of some of the information being declassified. The Director suggested that we hold off on this matter, and the DD/S&T commented that he is in receipt of the request but has not acted upon it.

Maury called attention to the provisions of the Daniels bill, which will update the Civil Service Retirement System. He pointed to efforts to ride piggyback on this bill and to the receipt of advice that we seek parallel benefits through our own committee.

DD/S&T reported that another Soviet proton booster has blown up, was on its way to Mars, and may be reported in the press very shortly.

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The Director briefed on yesterday's NSC meeting. It was almost exclusively devoted to AID matters, with the new AID Administrator, John Hannah, appearing for the first time. The Director commented that the thrust of our foreign assistance program will probably emphasize technical assistance and be presented to the Congress with emphasis on the humanitarian aspects of the program.

*The Director noted that Senator Jackson has asked how long it has been since Senator McClellan visited us. The Director asked Maury to contact Senator McClellan and extend an invitation to pay us a visit.

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L. K. White

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*Extracted and sent to action officer

THE FEDERAL SPOTLIGHT

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CIA MAN IN LINE — It's reported that an official of the Central Intelligence Agency will become chief of the postal inspection service.

If so, it would be the first time in the history of the postal service that the chief postal inspector did not come up from the postal inspector ranks.

Postmaster Gen. Winton Blount reportedly feels the inspection service needs "new blood." However, postal employe union leaders and members of Congress are ready to raise the roof if the CIA man gets the job. They say postal employe morale and efficiency would drop drastically if an outsider got the job, particularly someone from the CIA.

Incidentally, the Post Office is keeping the name of the CIA official a secret.